

# Altrusa International District Eleven Governor April's Notable News

August 2023



## International Convention 2023

Over 300 Altrusans from all over showed up in July in San Antonio, Texas for the Altrusa International Convention. Thanks to the hospitality and events planned by District Nine it was a great convention and lots of fun. It was nice to have District Eleven well represented. We had nine clubs and 20 District members in attendance.



Altrusa International President, Linda Smith, shared her biennium theme  
 – ALTRUSANS ROCK –  
 Realize Opportunity, Create Kindness.  
 She revealed her initiative for all Altrusa members to commit one act of intentional *Kindness* each week of the biennium.



***“Don’t seek to be happy; let everyone else chase after that rainbow. Seek to be kind, and you’ll find the rainbow follows you.”***

## Congratulations to District Leaders

Congratulations to our District members who were elected or appointed at the International Convention to serve at the International level.

*Melinda Aguirre, Central Coast, Immediate Past District Governor  
 Elected to the International Board*



*Pat Zoller, San Diego, Past Governor Elected to the International Nominating Committee*



*Danielle Robello, Chula Vista, International Service Committee  
 Antoinette Thorburn, Oxnard, International Membership Committee*

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### Dates to Remember

- DSB Articles Due — Sept. 20
- Make a Difference Day — Oct.28



## Area Workshop Sparks, Nevada Saturday, September 23, 2023

The District Board will be going to Sparks, Nevada for our September Board meeting and to present a workshop for the Reno/Sparks Club. This club is the farthest from the majority of our other clubs, so we decided to go to them.

Being a fairly new club this will give us an opportunity to get to know them better, learn more about their club and communities and provide support and information to help them learn more about the Altrusa Organization and the District.

We are inviting the Eastern Sierra Club and Indian Wells Valley Club to join us. If any other club members would like to travel to Reno/Sparks we would love to have you join us. Please contact me and I can give you more details on time and place.

### Important Things to Remember

*Note: Contact information for District Board and Committee Chairs mentioned in items below can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.*

- ◆ **Club Newsletters** — please remember to send them to me so that I can share them with the district board and the other club presidents. We all enjoy reading them.
- ◆ The **Long Range Strategic Plan** is an important tool to help your clubs to focus on what you want to accomplish through this next Biennium. I know many clubs have been working on updating and revising them. Please email a copy to both me and Governor Elect Hillary Sloan. If you need help please contact Governor Elect Hillary or Leadership Chair, Shawna Stokes.
- ◆ **DSB — District Service Bulletin** club brags, event information and announcements. Please send me photos and information so your club can be recognized in our next DSB. You all do amazing things in your communities, please share them with us. Due date for the October edition is September 20th.
- ◆ **International Foundation Grant requests** are due September 15, 2023. Please take advantage of the money that is available to help you support service projects in your communities. If you need help with this please contact District Director, Cindy Mansfield.
- ◆ **Photo Release Forms** should be signed and kept on file for all your club members. If you are at an event and taking photos for your social media you should also have everyone in attendance sign a form. If you have children in your photos be sure to get a form signed by their parents/guardians. There are individual, group and children forms available on the International website under the Communications tab.
- ◆ **Group Tally** — Be sure you have updated the information for your club and members on the International website for this year. Remind your members to notify you of any contact information changes.

### District Eleven Website Update

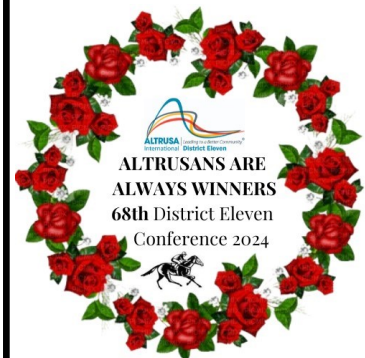
We still do not have a domain for the new District website. We are hoping that in the next couple of weeks we can send out an email to all District Eleven members letting them know we are up and running. I sent all the Club Presidents, District Officers and Chairs information about the situation of being redirected to a Casino site and to not use the old website. I hope all the Club Presidents have shared this information with their club members so they aren't surprised when they try it.

Do Not try to use the ghost emails that that had been set up for District leaders through the old website, they will not go through. Please use the contact list on page 4 of this newsletter.

#### Help Needed

**As we are working on our new website we are looking for a member of the District with knowledge in websites to help us develop it and monitor it. If you have any club members who might be interested in serving the District as our Webmaster please let me or Danielle, 1st Vice Governor, know.**

**SAVE THE DATE  
District Conference  
May 2-4, 2023**



*“And when it rains on your parade, look up rather than down.  
Without the rain, there would be no rainbow.”*

## Club Visits

Club visits are a great opportunity to get to know District leaders and for them to get to know you, your members and about your club. The following information will help you understand the process and how to prepare. The District officers have all been assigned to district clubs and will be your liaison to the District for the next two years. You can find the list of assigned clubs on page 4. These liaisons are here to support and help you, so please feel free to contact them and share any special events or fundraisers your club is planning. They will be contacting you to arrange to visit your club.

### District Visit Information for Club Presidents

This information will help the club president understand and prepare for visits by the Governor or other District Board member, which are one of the most important personal services Districts provide their Clubs. District visitors come as consultants to help the Club appraise its entire operation, answer members' questions, and bring the Club into a closer relationship with the District and International. In many cases, the visit is the only contact some members of the Club may have with District personnel. Ideally, visits should include a meeting with the Club's Board of Directors, either before or after the

#### Scheduling the Visit

The Governor assigns District Board members to each Club. As soon as those assignments are made, the District visitor will contact the President to arrange a mutually agreeable date, time, and location for the visitation. In some cases, it may be necessary for the visit to be on a date other than your Clubs regular meeting date. An example of this would be if an officer living in a different state has been assigned to more than one Club in your area and needs to meet with all the Clubs during one trip. If this should happen, prepare your membership in a very positive manner, and encourage them to attend this important meeting. You will be provided a Club Survey to fill out prior to the visit.

#### Prior Preparation

Return your Club survey form promptly. This gives the District visitor some prior insight into your Club and assists in their preparation. Survey forms include a place for you to indicate special subjects you would like covered during the visit. The visitor may request additional information about the club. If so, fill the request promptly. The more insight the District visitor has into your Club prior to the visit, the more help they can provide.

Ask your District visitor if overnight accommodations are required. Districts usually pay travel expenses; however, many District visitors appreciate the opportunity to get better acquainted through an overnight stay with a member. Provide information on low-cost overnight accommodations or arrange for housing with one of your members if requested.

#### Agenda for the Visit

The visit should be the program. Do not have another speaker because this takes away from the time allowed for the District visitor. Most official District visitors expect:

- A Board meeting.
- A business meeting with oral and written committee reports.
- Ample time for a presentation. Allow 20 to 30 minutes, depending on your District visitor's request and your Club's meeting time restrictions. Some District representatives do a workshop-type presentation and may require more time.

### Maui Fire Disaster

As I work on this newsletter I am watching the news about the devastating fires in Maui, Hawaii. Past Governor, Pat Zoller, is putting together a \$5000 request for an Altrusa International Foundation Disaster Relief Grant.

Hawaii is one of the states in District Eleven and even though we don't have any District clubs there it seems appropriate that we would want to help them during this difficult time.

This International Foundation money is possible because of all of our Altrusa members generosity every year and desire to support our communities, especially in times of need.

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2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Governor – Koni Shaff	Indian Wells Valley, Southern California (Virtual), Tucson, West Valley
Director – Cindy Mansfield	Anaheim, Chula Vista, San Diego, San Diego North County Coastal